REMARKS

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number 6,895,514 to Kermani (hereinafter Kermani) in view of United States Patent Number 6,954,862 to Serpa (herinafter Serpa).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of November 28, 2007. We discussed a proposed amendment to the claims. The Examiner suggested removing the limitation with a second definition of the anchor value, and the Applicants have done so with this response.

Amendments to claims

Applicants have amended claim 1 with the limitations "...wherein each absolute inter-keystroke interval is a time interval between entries of two characters..." and "...wherein each relative inter-keystroke interval is calculated as the absolute inter-keystroke interval divided by an anchor value that is a first absolute inter-keystroke interval between first and second characters..." The amendments are fully supported by the specification. See page 7, lines 15-25; page 9, lines 10-21. Claim 2 is canceled.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kermani in view of Serpa. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 includes the limitation "...comparing relative inter-keystroke intervals of the unique identifier with relative inter-keystroke intervals of the reference unique identifier and

returning a true indication if the relative inter-keystroke interval of the unique identifier is within a predetermined tolerance of the relative inter-keystroke interval of the reference identifier, **wherein each relative inter-keystroke interval is calculated as the absolute inter-keystroke interval divided by an anchor value that is a first absolute inter-keystroke interval between first and second characters**;"

Applicants submit that because neither Kermani nor Serpa teach a relative inter-keystroke interval calculated as the absolute inter-keystroke interval divided by an anchor value that is a first absolute inter-keystroke interval between first and second characters, that claim 1 is allowable. Applicants further submit that claims 3-6 are allowable as depending from allowable claims. Claim 2 is canceled.

Conclusion

As a result of the presented remarks and amendments, Applicants assert that the present application is in condition for prompt allowance. Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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